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MANAGERS COMMENTS



The latest bouts of crowd violence do nothing but damage to the image of the game that most of us live for. Fear of being caught up in a wave of violence is a major reason for the alarming fall in gates over the past five seasons.

I can remember going to Goodison Park to see an Everton-Liverpool derby game. Standing up as a ten year old, one of a crowd of 78,000 and enjoying the experience. The roars of the rival groups of supporters as the game went from the reds and then to the blues, will stay in my memory for ever.

When the game ended, I can remember being swept along in a sea of bodies, getting jostled and pushed, yes but I can also remember lifting my feet up and being carried by the compactness of the bodies. I relate that little episode as one of the most exciting moments of my schooldays.

Today's visitors are near neighbours Wigan who, since being elected to the Football League have been a credit to their town and earned nothing but praise. Because they are local, they will bring with them a good measure of support and I appeal to both sets of supporters to behave sensibly. Have your fun by all means but keep it within the limits of the law. Vocal support is what the players respond to, they are horrified and frightened by acts of violence on the terrace. Kevin Keegan expressed his belief that England's chances of victory in the European Cup in Italy were lessened by the players shame for the behaviour of our fans.

Enjoy today's game, whatever the result, because if crowd violence does not cease then yet another of our "freedoms of choice" will be denied us. What am I talking about - the right to travel to away games and watch a football match.

Thank you for coming.

TODAYS REFEREE

GEORGE NOLAN (Stockport)

Mr. Nolan began refereeing in South Wales in 1959 and progressed through the Welsh League. In 1967 he moved to Stockport and continued his career via the Cheshire League to the Football League's full list.

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Cheshire's Senior Cup Finals. In 1974 he lined the full international match between Austria and Hungary while in 1977, refereed the F.A. Youth Cup Final and two schoolboy internationals. A married man with two sons, he is Deputy Headmaster of a large Comprehensive school whose interests are quoted as "My family and football."

Though, due to printer's requirements these notes are being written some seven days before you actually read them, it is worth a look at the Fourth Division scene now that the season has got nicely under way.

The main talking point among our own fans of course is Franny Firth whose striking form has been a revelation. Manager Kirby warned in an earlier programme that Franny would make a few people sit up and take notice and he has certainly been proved right as the former Huddersfield player continues to "look sharp" and create problems for opposing defences. Let's hope this fine form continues and that Franny's name will still be in the frame of leading marksmen at the end of the season.

The top of the league seems to be going almost to the form book with Lincoln (a popular trip among the sports-writers) leading the way followed by two of last season's relegated teams Southend and Mansfield and almost

members of the Football League must always be given every available opportunity of continuing in the League. The Spotland club's future looked decidedly dim at one stage last term and popular gossip (*there is incidentally, no such thing as "popular gossip" and I use the term only to put over a point) had it that they were on the very last of their League legs. Well done Rochdale - may your good fortune continue with only two exceptions - your games with the Shaymen!

Perhaps another surprise to date is the indifferent form shown by tonight's visitors Wigan of whom, following their excellent form of last term when promotion was missed by a mere two places, much is expected. Saturday's visit to Darlington of course can have moved the Springfield Park men from the bottom ten into the top six (hopefully with ourselves) and, should that be so, tonight's game will have taken on much more significance. As stated in the first paragraph however, it is

SOCCERSCENE

everyone's tip for promotion Peterborough. Of course it is early days yet and one of the beauties of the English Football League is that the league programme demands consistency. Squad strengths, injuries and the all important luck of the bounce can, and do have a major bearing on the eventual promotion and relegation issues and despite the press building many bridges in the early part of the season, the tables as they stand will look a lot different come next May.

To date, Rochdale have certainly proved the surprise package of the division and, through already having gained a third of the victories they achieved throughout last season they have given added strength to the argument that

hard to produce comment when notes are being written so far in advance but one can only hope that speculation can become fact and from here on, that this particular column will be dealing mainly with top four issues.

*Town's next two away games are at Crewe and Wigan and bookings are now being taken for the coaches to these two venues, the cost being £2 - For the visit to Torquay on October 4th deposits of £1 are being accepted and the cost of this trip is expected to be in the region of £9. If you would like to support the Shaymen at these away games please book **early** at the Promotions Office.

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In the match day programme for the Scunthorpe Utd. game I mentioned a new sponsorship brochure which sets out the ways in which companies, businesses and indeed the individual fan can help the club. The brochure **HALIFAX TOWN "INTO THE EIGHTIES" WITH YOUR COMPANY** is available from the Promotions Office to all genuinely interested persons. Though it is impossible to outline the many ideas and schemes I have incorporated into the brochure here in this programme, here are a few items which I hope will "whet your appetite."

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The brochure contains many more ideas and much more detail on these and other items including **GOALMETER, QUIZTIME: FULL MATCH SPONSORSHIPS: MASCOT SPONSORS: BLUE 'N' WHITE ROADSHOWS: PROGRAMME ADVERTISING: AWAY-SHAY TRAVEL: SOUVENIR SPONSORSHIPS: SOWING THE SEEDS: AND "JUST THE TICKET."**

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WIGAN ATHLETIC

Goalkeeper **JOHN BROWN** began his league career with Preston as a 17 yrs. old but found his progress hindered through the excellent form of Eire international Alan Kelly. After spending 11 yrs. with North End he joined Stockport County for a season and then moved onto Wigan for whom he has proved a most reliable and efficient keeper at both non-league and Football League levels. The club's "Player of the Year" last term he made 36 first team appearances. **DAVE FRETWELL** played as a schoolboy for Yorkshire and England at under 18 level before studying industrial management at Bradford University. As a part-timer he played regularly for Bradford City and eventually became a full time professional. After making 250 appearances for the Valley Parade club he sampled the American soccer scene in California and on his return, joined Athletic and has been a reliable and consistent performer over the last two seasons - ever present last term.

MAURICE WHITTLE is known as "Mr. Magic" to the Wigan fans, he has had a full and active career to date serving Blackburn Rovers, Oldham and Fort Lauderdale. Because of his commitments in the U.S.A. he didn't share in Wigan's early days in the Football League but rejoined the club following the transfer of Joe Hinnigan to Sunderland last season and made 19 appearances. After spending 4 yrs. on Liverpool's books (and playing in the F.A. Youth Cup Final) **TOMMY GORE** followed Ron Yeats to Tranmere Rovers and stayed 18 months at Prenton Park before joining Wigan as a part-timer. He has also played in the U.S.A. and it was his goal at Chelsea last year which gave Athletic their shock third round victory at Stamford Bridge.

A key figure in Wigan's defensive organisation is £30,000 record signing **COLIN METHVEN** who joined the club from East Fife in October 1979. Good in the air and a strong tackler, Colin captains the side and leads by example. 34 appearances last term. Alongside his skipper **NEIL DAVIDS** has given added strength and determination to the defence. Born at Shipley, Neil repre-

sented Yorkshire Schools at right back before joining Leeds Utd. The highlight of his five years at Elland Road was scoring the winning goal for England's Youth team against Wales. He was not to make the first team at Leeds however and moved on to Norwich City where he stayed for two seasons. After loan spells with Northampton and Stockport he joined Swansea but, unable to settle in Wales, joined Wigan just before their first year in league football.

DAVID McMULLAN was signed last year from Scottish junior side Cumbernould Utd. and, though restricted to substitute appearances in the closing games of last season he has earned an early chance to establish himself this term. One of the club's most consistent performers has been **JEFF WRIGHT** and this consistency was continued last season when he was again an "ever present". Another member of Wigan's Merseyside contingent is **PETER HOUGHTON**. Peter was a member of the Liverpool Schools team which won the English Schools Trophy. As a part-time pro. he arrived at Springfield Park from South Liverpool after previously serving Prescott Town. Despite being handicapped by a wrist injury he was Wigan's top scorer in their first year in League Football and repeated this feat last term with 15 goals from his 40 appearances. This sort of form has attracted the attention of a number of clubs (he declined the opportunity of joining Portsmouth last season) and he is currently rated as Wigan's "hottest property."

Glasgow born **BOBBY HUTCHINSON** is one of the new arrivals at Springfield Park and is expected to add both skill and experience to the front line. A "quicksilver" striker, he was formerly with Dundee and Hibernian.

Rounding up the squad will be **FRANK CORRIGAN**, as a part time professional Frank played for Walsall, Burton Albion Bangor City and Northwich Victoria before joining Wigan. At his best when pushing forward in support of the attack, the mid-fielder is a constant source of danger with his strong running, passing skills and shooting ability.

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motions Office within the next seven days. - To whom it may concern . . please don't be backward in coming forward - we would now like to finalise the amount raised from this project and can only do so when all contributions are paid in.

Programme Fairs—Football programme fairs (for the serious collector and for the enthusiast) are to be held at Huddersfield R.L. Social Club, Fartown on Sunday 28th October (Brian Glover) and at the Banqueting Suite, Pack Horse Hotel, Bolton on Sunday 5th October (Ruth Crawshaw). Both fairs will be run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and thousands of programmes, old, new and collectors items will be on sale. All welcome.

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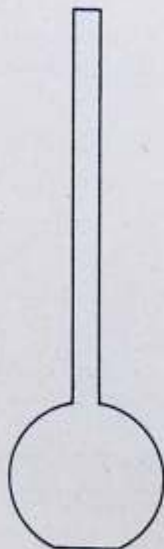
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Football - A Time for Change?

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Headlines like these - all too familiar in the newspapers today - point to one fact: The game in this country is in a bad way. The secretaries, managers and coaches Association recently issued a 24-point charter called "Soccer - The Fight for Survival" aimed at improving our domestic game. Football on Sundays and three points for a win were just two of the proposals in the charter, which will be discussed by league clubs at a two-day seminar in October. I wonder how many changes the talking will bring about? Here are some I would like to see:

*The number of clubs in the First Division should be reduced from the present 22. Premier division teams in West Germany, Holland, France and Belgium play only 34 league matches a season while in Italy and East Germany they play only 30. So why should ours have to play 42? It is far too many. If the English First Division was reduced to 18 clubs it would put an end to the customary fixture congestion at the end of each season. Arsenal were a classic example last season. They eventually played a record 70 competitive games, starting with their Charity Shield defeat by Liverpool and ending with a 5-0 drubbing at Middlesbrough in the League. (For the record, 29 of those 70 games were draws, including 17 goalless.)

*The third and fourth divisions should be re-organised on a regional basis.

This would cut down crippling travel and accommodation costs to places like Torquay and Bournemouth and would also create a lot more lucrative "derby" matches.

If regional divisions were operating now, Town would have attractive fixtures with present Third Division teams like Burnley, Blackpool, Huddersfield, Hull, Rotherham, Barnsley and Sheffield United. Bigger gates - more money - better ground - better team. The association's charter also recommended the scrapping of the Third and Fourth Divisions. But in their place, not two regional divisions but eight groups of six clubs, with promotion to the Second Division decided on play-offs.

*It is about time some guidelines regarding transfer fees were laid down. Bobby Robson, the Ipswich Town Manager, said recently in an interview: "Everyone in industry is tightening his belt - except those of us in football. We still give the public the impression we have got plenty of money, but it's unreal. Most of it is borrowed money." When Robson bought his two Dutch stars, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, the transfer fees had to be paid within a week. That is the rule in Holland. "I've heard of a deal in this country that will not be paid up until 1983!" said Robson.

*The BBC and ITV must relax their old-fashioned views on advertising in football. There was a case recently when the "Beeb" and Anglia TV refused to film the Ipswich Town - Middlesbrough League Cup tie because "Boro" had "Datsun" across their shirts. How can they justify this when they feature a Grand Prix with sponsor's names clearly visible on cars, uniforms and helmets.

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Clive Nattress

Date signed for Halifax Town - June 80

Birthplace - Durham

Previous clubs - Blackpool, Darlington

Favourite player - Kenny Dalglish

Favourite Food - Steak

Favourite TV programmes - The Two Ronnies

Favourite singers - Rose Royce

Favourite actor - Jack Nicholson

Favourite actress - Stephanie Powers

Favourite colour - Blue

Favourite likes - Winning

Favourite dislikes - Inconsistent Refs.

Favourite other team - Newcastle Utd.

Favourite other sport - Golf

Biggest influence on career - My family

Most difficult opponent - Dave Thomas

Most memorable match - Darlington v. Everton

Biggest drag in soccer - Inconsistent referees

Best ground visited - Everton

Professional ambition - to be successful

Would have been if not a footballer - A draughtsman

Hopes to be when playing days are over - To be happy

Personality would most like to meet - Mohammed Ali

Advice for schoolboy players - Enjoy playing



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